GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SOIL EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several districts of North Bihar have been severely affected by soil erosion caused by the river Ganga;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have implemented any scheme to prevent erosion in these districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Union Government have not implemented any scheme to prevent erosion as formulation and execution of flood control schemes are done by the States/Union Territories according to the availability of funds in state plan under the flood control sector and as per the priority fixed by them. The Centre renders technical, catalyticall and promotional assistance. Union Government have provided financial assistance of Rs.127 lakh for the control of erosion of Barauni Industrial Complex. A Team led by Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) hadvisited the critical erosion sites on river Ganga in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal in January, 2000 and had given recommendations for implementing 4 major schemes on river Ganga, concerning Bihar. CFCC has also prepared the comprehensiveplan for flood management for various rivers of Ganga basin including the main Ganga Stem passing through several districts of North Bihar. These comprehensiveplans have been sent to the State Governments for taking follow up actions on the recommendations made in these plans.